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In re Application of:

Maura C. Cannon et al.

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- An Associate Power of Attorney on behalf of Monsanto Company; (c)

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- (d) Our check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing;
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- (f) Information Disclosure Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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